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Georgia Department of Human Resources

GEORGIA CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM

What is the Cancer State Aid Program?

The Cancer State Aid Program funds diagnosis and treatment for medically needy cancer patients.

What services does the Cancer State Aid Program provide?

- Inpatient and outpatient cancer treatment at participating hospitals.
- Outpatient chemotherapy and radiation therapy at approved freestanding chemotherapy and radiation centers.
- Chemotherapy and other cancer related drugs provided by approved private pharmacies.

What are the requirements for eligibility?

- Must be uninsured or underinsured and not eligible for full coverage Medicaid.
- Must be U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted to be a permanent resident.
- Must be a resident of Georgia.
- Must meet financial guidelines. Family income must be at or below 200 percent of federal poverty income guidelines.

What are the program limitations?

- Must meet medical eligibility requirements.
- New patients are prioritized and accepted based on cancer site, stage and expected treatment effectiveness as described in the latest scientific literature and cancer survival rates.
- Applications will be considered based on the date they are received. This program does not go back and pay old bills.
- Applications are accepted based on the availability of state funds.
- The maximum for inpatient cancer treatment is \$10,000.

How do I apply?

Applicants should go to their county Health Department, the Social Services Department of one of the participating hospitals, or their county Department of Family and Children Services office. Applications and information regarding the program can also be obtained from the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Cancer Control Office at 404-657-6600.